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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Law Division
Office of General Counsel

FROM:

Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT: Computer Fraud Legislation

1. Congress may consider in this Session the three attached bills which would make it a crime for persons who, through unauthorized access to computers, commit fraud or embezzlement, damage equipment or willfully trespass or browse through the property of another. Two of these bills, H.R. 4384 and H.R. 4259, also set up a computer research program and interagency committee on computer crime and abuse. The bills expressly provide the interagency committee may secure from any department or agency of the U.S. Government information to carry out its functions.

2. I would appreciate your review of these bills and your comments on whether you believe that the bills should be modified so as to prevent an impact on current intelligence operations involving the use of computers. I would also appreciate your views on whether an intelligence agency exception should be written into the provision requiring government agencies to share information.

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Attachments

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